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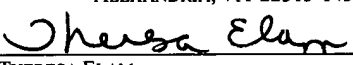
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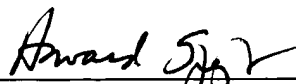
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1. Response to Non-Final Office Action Mailed September 2, 2004; and
2. Postcard.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard evidencing receipt of these materials.

The Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-1673 for any underpayment of fees which may be due in association with this filing under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18.

Respectfully submitted,



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**RESPONSE TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 2, 2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the September 2, 2004 Nonfinal Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below. As the three month shortened statutory period for reply ends December 2, 2004, this Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this Response.